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| In Re the Application of:       | ) | Examiner: J. Brusca    |
| EISENBERG et al.                | ) | Group Art Unit: 1631   |
| For: <b>ZINC FINGER PROTEIN</b> | ) | Confirmation No.: 1465 |
| <b>COMPOSITIONS</b>             | ) | Customer No.: 20855    |
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

BOX CPA  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This preliminary amendment is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Consideration of the following amendments is requested prior to substantive examination.

**I. AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 6 with the following:

--ZPFs that bind to a particular target gene, and the nucleic acids encoding them, can be used for a variety of applications. These applications include therapeutic methods in which a ZFP or a nucleic acid encoding it is administered to a subject and used to modulate the